

FACT SHEET

PROPER USE OF KN95/N95 MASKS

The recommendations in this fact sheet provide advice for when to discard or reuse a KN95/N95 mask. Paying attention to the condition of your mask—and discarding damaged or contaminated masks—can greatly reduce the risk of contact transmission. Do not reuse a mask more than five times.



N95 FACE MASK

(Standard: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Certification)

The N95 respirator is the most common of the seven type of particulate filtering face piece respirators. This mask filters 95% of airborne viruses but the filter material is not resistant to oil.



KN95 FACE MASK

KN95 Masks are manufactured outside the U.S. and are Chinese made masks, designed to meet the Chinese standards of protection. On April 3, 2020, the FDA issued an Emergency Use Authorization for non-NIOSH-Approved N95 respirators made in China. The EUA makes KN95 Masks eligible for use, as long as certain protection standards are met.

**N95 masks are designed for full protection of clean shaven people.*



TIPS FOR REUSING MASK:

Hang used clean and undamaged respirators in a designated storage area or keep them in a clean, breathable container such as a paper bag between uses.

Store one respirator in a bag and clearly identify who uses it. Storage containers should be disposed of or cleaned regularly.

If you accidentally touch the inside of your respirator, discard it



DISCARD WHEN:

N95 respirators are contaminated with blood, respiratory or nasal secretions, or other bodily fluids from patients.

Close contact with any patient co-infected with an infectious disease.

Mask is visibly dirty or damaged



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